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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
IB Docket No. 01-185

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, January 6, 2003, David Otten, Chairman & CEO of Celsat America, Inc. ("Celsat"), met with Commissioner Kevin Martin and Emily Willeford of his staff. At the meeting, Celsat stressed that two gating factors are necessary to ensure that the ancillary terrestrial component (ATC) of mobile satellite services (MSS) remains truly "ancillary" to the satellite service: (i) continuous satellite coverage to all of the United States as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and (ii) every phone in the MSS licensee's network must be capable of communicating directly through both the MSS licensee's satellites and the ATC ground towers.

In accordance with Section 1.49(f)(1) of the Commission's rules, an electronic version of this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the docket listed above. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brian Weimer

cc: Commissioner Kevin Martin  
Emily Willeford